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TOWN COUNCIL
Don Bringle
Arthur Heggins
Brandon Linn
Rodney Phillips
Steve Stroud

TOWN OF CHINA GROVE

A regular meeting of the China Grove Town Council

Tuesday, April 7, 2020
6:00 p.m.

China Grove Town Hall
China Grove, North Carolina

CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Seaford called the regular meeting of April 7, 2020 to order. He led the audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Mayor Seaford called roll. All council members were present with the exception of Mr. Heggins and Mr. Linn. There was a quorum.

The meeting started at 6:00 pm at the Town Hall.

Mr. Phillips made a motion to adopt the agenda. Mr. Bringle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Consent Agenda items:

- a) Approve Minutes from March 3rd, 2020 regular meeting
- b) Adopt Budget Ordinance Amendment

Mayor Seaford moved Item C, Accept RFP Audit Proposal of William R. Huneycutt to Item II in New Business. Mr. Phillips made a motion to approve the consent agenda. Mr. Bringle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

CITIZEN COMMENT

Jason Gordon – 1395 Patterson Street

He stated he spoke with the previous Mayor about the Public Works Department not allowing access to the pit located at their building. He stated he understands that out of town residents were dumping items and this is the reason the gate is locked now. He stated he feels this area should be open to the residents of China Grove at a certain time of the day. He suggested having residents show proof of residency and being allowed to dump items they need. He stated the town truck rental is not needed with the little amount that he has but feels having access to the pit would be best.

PUBLIC HEARING

- I) Proposed Permanent Closing of a Portion of Eudy Road

Mr. Gover stated he was approached by Columbus Hawks, Rowan Counties 911/GIS Analyst and he brought to our attention that Eudy Road is divided now into 3 segments. He stated two segments are divided by the

Railroad tracks and the third is divided by South Main Street. He stated the portion of Eudy Road where Lutheran Chapel Church is located was closed during the double track project. He stated the Mount Zion portion of Eudy Road is still a state road until we complete this process. He stated the north side there would be no changes. He stated we followed the State Statues for road closures by posting signs, running the Resolution of Intent in the Salisbury Post and mailing certified letters to the adjacent property.

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Mr. Bringle made a motion to permanently close a portion of Eudy Road. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Proposed Permanent Closing of a Portion of Roberts Street

Mr. Gover stated Cornerstone Church has purchased this property and this portion of Roberts Street is in between the two parcels. He stated they requested the closure. He stated we followed the State Statues for road closures by posting signs, running the Resolution of Intent in the Salisbury Post and mailing certified letters to the adjacent property.

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Mr. Stroud made a motion to permanently close a portion of Roberts Street. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

NEW BUSINESS

I) Adopt Resolution to Rename a Portion of Eudy Road to Lutheran Chapel Road

Mr. Stroud made a motion to rename a portion of Eudy Road to Lutheran Chapel Road or Lutheran Chapel Street if there is no conflict with Emergency Services. Mr. Phillips seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

II) Accept RFP Audit Proposal of William R. Huneycutt

Mayor Seaford stated we are looking at an RFP Audit Proposal for the 20-21 budget year. He stated this proposal was the best option of the two proposals that we received. Mr. Deal stated this one was the lowest bid and we checked references and they all checked out. Mr. Phillips asked if this year one firm did the audit. Mr. Deal stated that is correct but with the new regulations we are required to have two firms.

Mr. Stroud made a motion to accept the RFP Audit Proposal of William R. Huneycutt. Mr. Bringle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

COUNCIL UPDATES

Mayor Seaford the Easter Bunny rode around town over the weekend and waved at children and adults that came out to see him. He stated several residents enjoyed this social distancing friendly event. Mr. Bringle thanked the Salisbury Post for writing an article on the event.

Mr. Deal stated we would like to lock the front door and have residents call or email staff for assistance. Mayor Seaford stated he was good with doing that. Mr. Phillips asked if other towns have done the same. Mr. Deal stated most have already closed their doors we have tried to stay open as long as we could.

Mr. Bringle asked if Farmers Day is still being planned. Mr. Deal stated at this moment we are still going forward with planning and holding Farmers Day.

Mayor Seaford stated there is an Explore the Grove event going on right now encouraging residents to get out and walk around town and look for colored eggs placed in windows, large wooden eggs in yards or sidewalk chalk art. He stated this is just another way to keep spirits up during this time.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. Stroud made a motion to adjourn. Mr. Bringle seconded the motion, which carried unanimously.

Respectfully Submitted,

Pamela L. Mills, CMC
Town Clerk

Charles Seaford
Mayor